

Mr and Miss Connal have returned to Christchurch after a very pleasant month in the North Island, staying at Gisborne, Auckland, and breaking the journey at Waverley, on the overland route from New Plymouth to Wellington. Both are looking greatly benefited by the change.

Dr. and Mrs Hargreaves have returned to Akaroa, having spent a pleasant time in Christchurch, though Dr. Hargreaves only exchanged duties with Dr. Gane, so it was not a complete holiday for him.

Mrs (Dr.) Fox (Christchurch) gave a farewell afternoon tea for Miss Bewick last week, when among the guests were Mrs Bewick, Mrs H. Cotterill, Mrs J. C. Palmer, Mrs L. Harley, Misses Reeves, Wynn-Williams, Palmer, Ronalds, and a few others.

Mrs W. Adams, of "Langley Dale," Marlborough, who has been spending several weeks in Nelson, returned to her home, by coach, last week.

Mrs Thomas, of Christchurch, is staying at "Wainui," Nelson.

Mrs Lyell, of Nelson, has gone for a trip to Wellington and elsewhere.

Mr R. Lee, of Wellington, is on a visit to Nelson friends.

Mrs R. D. Thomas (Christchurch) has spent a pleasant time in Nelson, principally at Cable Bay, and her friends will be pleased to hear she is much improved in health.

Mr and Mrs Graham, Mr Frank and Miss Graham, have taken up their abode at Coker's Hotel, Mr Graham having sold his house in Gloucester-street.

Mr and Mrs George Watts, of Blenheim, are the guests of Mr and Mrs Perry-Adams, Nelson.

Miss Huddleston has returned to Nelson from Napier.

Mrs Harold Glasgow, of Christchurch, is staying in Nelson with her cousin, Miss Pitt.

Mr F. F. C. Huddleston is now a resident in Nelson, where he is forming art classes.

Miss E. Fillett, of Nelson, has gone for a trip to Wellington and South. Miss Lucas, of Wakefield, accompanied her.

Mrs (Dr.) Roberts, of Nelson, has gone for a trip to Sydney.

Mr Neville and Miss Amy Nevills, "Theoretos," Blenheim, who went to Nelson to attend the race meeting, have returned home.

Mrs and Miss Grady, of Wellington, have been visiting Mrs R. McCallum.

Mrs Redman, "Cowley," Blenheim, who went to spend a week with Mrs Stace, at Robin Hood's Bay, has returned home after a pleasant time.

Mrs McRae, of Palmerston North, is at present in Blenheim, where she is staying with Mrs J. Mowat.

Mr Griffiths, "The Barton," Blenheim, is visiting Christchurch, where he purposes spending a fortnight.

Miss Wilson, who until lately resided in Invercargill, and who, since breaking up her home there, has been visiting various places in the North Island, after spending a few days with Miss Clark, in Blenheim, has gone to the Pelorus Sound to stay with her sister, Mrs Hubbard.

Mr C. E. MacShane, of the Bank of New South Wales' staff, Blenheim, was granted three weeks' holiday, which he is spending with Mr and Mrs Massfield, at "Manaroa," Pelorus Sound.

Mrs Nancarrow, of Dunedin, who is spending a few months with her sister, Mrs White, in Blenheim, has gone up the Wairau Valley to stay with Mrs J. Bell, at "Hilleshed."

Sir George Clifford and his son were among the Southern visitors to the races in Wellington this week, which were held at the Hutt raccourse.

Mr and Mrs Sidney Johnston, of "Ornawharoa," Hawke's Bay, left Wellington on Saturday for Sydney, en route for a trip to England; Miss F. Ingles accompanying them.

Mr and Mrs Balfour (England), are spending some months in New Zealand on a visit. Mrs Balfour is a sister of Major Madocks.

Mrs Arthur Pearce (Wellington) and Miss Cobb, of Marlborough, who is staying with her, have gone for a bicycle tour through the Otira Gorge with a party of friends.

In consequence of no suitable building being available for the bazaar for Incarables, which is to be held in Wellington next June, the Committee have decided to build on to the Art Gallery,

and the additions to the building are already in progress.

Mr and Mrs W. Dilwell, (Wairarua), are spending a few days in Wellington, and were present at the Autumn Meeting of the Wellington Racing Club, at the Hutt raccourse this week.

Mrs Thomas Young, Wellington, is paying a short visit to Mr and Mrs Gerald Tolhurst, at Palmerston.

Miss M. Simpson (Wellington), is the guest of Mrs Allan Strang, at Awapuni, Manawatu.

The Hon. H. C. Butler, Wellington, left for the South on Wednesday last, to make arrangements in connection with a residence for the Duke and Duchess of York, while in Christchurch.

Mrs Lawrence, of the Bluff Hill, Napier, has returned from a visit to Sydney.

Captain J. Gethin Hughes, who did such good work in South Africa, has been informed by cable that he has been honoured with the Distinguished Service Order.

Mr H. C. Wilson, of the Union Bank, Napier, has been transferred to the Dunedin branch of the bank.

Miss K. Hitchings, of Napier, is visiting friends in Christchurch.

Miss Higginson (Wellington) is paying a visit to friends in the Rangitikei.

Lady Campbell (Napier) is staying with Mrs Tolhurst, in Wellington.

Colonel and Mrs Gorton (Bulls) are staying in Wellington for a short time before leaving for a trip to England.

The St. George's Rowing Club have decided to hold their annual ball on 30th May.

AN AUCKLAND CONFESSION.

A MAN WITH MANY AILMENTS.

ALL OF WHICH WERE CURED BY BILE BEANS.

Mr William Graves, a gum sorter, of Alexandra-street, Auckland, N.Z., as will be seen by the following letter, suffered from several ailments. It wants but a glance at the letter to assure the reader that the liver was the trouble. The reader will further perceive how Bile Beans for Biliousness cured him after four years of misery. Mr Graves says:—"For the past three or four years I have suffered from indigestion, debility, and a feeling of fulness after eating. I am 47 years of age, but, through suffering, look considerably older. At times I have suffered from pains in the back, so much that my sleep has been frequently broken, which, as a natural consequence, has caused me to feel drowsy and depressed in spirits. After the most ordinary exertion I have become so tired as to be unfit for anything, my limbs feeling as if they did not belong to me, and bilious attacks became common. I may also say that at times I suffered from rheumatism in my shoulders and legs. With all these ailments you may well imagine that life was no

pleasure to me; in fact, hardly worth living. I have frequently consulted doctors, used other medicines, and have been in the hospital, all to no purpose. However, while there is life there is hope, and my hope and remedy proved to be Bile Beans. I had frequently read of them, and upon the recommendation of friends I decided to give them a trial. I steadily persevered in their use until I had consumed several boxes, when I began to find a difference. My appetite returned, that fall sensation left me, and sleep, undisturbed and refreshing sleep, once more visited me. For some time longer I continued to suffer from rheumatic attacks, but at last your Bile Beans vanquished the enemy and took possession of the field. I now seem to be a new man, and can only attribute my cure to the use of Bile Beans. They perform their work gently, and can be taken with perfect safety. I can strongly recommend them to all who suffer from biliousness, or any one of the many complaints which arise from a disordered liver."

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